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SUBJECT: CHILE AND COMMITTEE OF 24

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1. REFTEL REPORTED THAT CHILE INTENDS TO WITHDRAW FROM UN COMMITTEE OF 24 (C-24) AND THAT JAMAICA OR GUYANA ARE LIKELY REPLACEMENTS ON C-24. WE ESTIMATE THAT THIS YEAR A MOTION TO ADJOURN C-24 CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO WITHOUT A VOTE ON A CUBAN SPONSORED RESOLUTION WOULD HAVE CARRIED 11-10-3. OUR POSITION ON A SUBSTANTIVE VOTE APPEARS LESS FAVORABLE THAN ON THE PROCEDURAL MOTION. SINCE A MOTION TO ADJOURN WOULD FAIL ON A TIE VOTE, REPLACEMENT OF CHILE BY A STATE WHICH MIGHT ABSTAIN COULD CLEAR THE WAY FOR CONSIDERATION AND LIKELY ADOP-
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TION OF A CUBAN RESOLUTION. NEITHER JAMAICA NOR GUYANA SEEMS

LIKELY TO SUPPORT AN EFFORT TO AVOID A VOTE ON A CUBAN
RESOLUTION.

2. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT STATES OTHER THAN JAMAICA AND GUYANA
COULD BE ENCOURAGED TO SEEK THE SEAT VACATED BY CHILE, BUT FINAL
DECISION ON REPLACEMENT WILL BE MADE BY GA PRESIDENT.

3. REFTTEL RECOMMENDS THAT WE GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO USG
APPROACH TO CHILE TO ENCOURAGE IT TO REMAIN ON C-24, OSTENSIBLY
BECAUSE OF SUG CONCERN THAT CHILE WOULD BE ACTING AGAINST ITS
SELF-INTEREST BY LEAVING ONE OF FEW BODIES IN WHICH IT INTERACTS
WITH OTHER THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES. WE WOULD APPRECIATE
AMBASSADOR'S VIEWS ON THIS COURSE OF ACTION. ROBINSON

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